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SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT (NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) RISES
IN DECEMBER

REF: BONN 20644 (1976)

1. JOSEF STINGL, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT
SERVICE, ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 5 THAT UNEMPLOYMENT, NOT
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, INCREASED 105,200 IN DECEMBER
TO A TOTAL OF 1,089,900. THIS IS 134,000 LESS THAN
IN DECEMBER ONE YEAR AGO. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN-
CREASED FROM 4.3 PERCENT (NOVEMBER) TO 4.8 PERCENT.
THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON PART TIME INCREASED 46,100
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TO 213,800 WHILE THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED JOB OPENINGS
DECLINED OVER 16,000 TO 186,000 IN DECEMBER.

2. STINGL ALSO RELEASED THE AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT
FIGURES FOR 1976. NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, THERE
WERE 1,060,300 UNEMPLOYED (A DECLINE OF 13,900 FROM
1975) FOR AN AVERAGE RATE OF 4.6 PERCENT (4.7 PERCENT

IN 1975).

3. ACCORDING TO STINGL, THE JUMP IN UNEMPLOYMENT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO NATURAL SEASONAL INFLUENCES ON AGRICULTURE, MINING, FORESTRY AND ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES. (COMMENT: THIS IS AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION.) REACTION BY PARTY SPOKESMEN WAS AS EXPECTED: SPD LABOR EXPERT EUGEN GLOMBIG CLAIMED THE GOVERNMENT NOW HAD UNEMPLOYMENT UNDER CONTROL AND SAID ATTENTION MUST BE FOCUSED ON STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT WHILE CDU/CSU SPOKESMEN CITED UNEMPLOYMENT AS THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM AND SAID THE NEW FIGURES WERE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO DEAL WITH IT.

4. DETAILED ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW.
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